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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: WORLD FREEDOM DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN THE ROC ON JANUARY 23. A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SEMINARS AND RALLIES WERE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18 TO MARK THE EVENT, CULMINATING IN A WORLD FREEDOM DAY "APRTY" WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 50,000 PEOPLE. FOREIGN VISITORS WHO REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATED IN WORLD FREEDOM DAY ACTIVITIES (AND WHO WERE CHARACTERIZED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS REPRESENTING "FIVE CONTINENTS") INCLUDED US CONGRESSMAN LAWRENCE P. MCDONALD, JULIO R. CARDINAL ROSALES FROM THE PHILIPPINES, CHAIRMAN OF THE BELGIAN CHAPTER OF THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE (WACL) PAUL VANKERHOVEN, KENYAN REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HENRY IKWANYO, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BRAZILIAN CHAPTER OF WACL CARLO BARBIERI FILHO. KEYNOTE SPEECHES BY FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS AND ROC PRSIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN, WHICH WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, WERE FIRM IN OPPOSING COMMUNISM AND CRITI-
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CAL OF US DETENTE POLICY AND THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE. END

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SUMMARY.

2. IN AN ADDRESS TO A WORLD FREEDOM DAY RALLY ON JANUARY 23, REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY 3000 GROC OFFICIALS, CIVIC LEADERS, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND FOREIGN DELEGATES, ROC PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN SAID THAT THE FALL OF INDOCHINA "PROVES THAT ILLUSIONS OF DETENTE AND APEASEMENT CAN NEVER IMPROVE THE WORLD SITUATION...(BUT) WILL ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNISTS AND MAKE NEW CATASTROPHES INEVITABLE....COMMUNISM ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND IS THE ROOT SOURCE OF WORLD TURMOIL....WE MUST RESTORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE 700 MILLION MAINLAND PEOPLE, EXTINGUISH THE RULE OF FORCE AND ERADICATE COMMUNISM FROM THE CHINESE MAINLAND BEFORE WE CAN ENSURE THE FREEDOM AND PEACE OF ASIA. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES STILL LACK AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS REQUIRED. THEIR POLICIES AND ACTIONS DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO ASIAN SECURITY...(BUT) HAVE ABETTED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND SUBVERSION AND ADDED TO WORLD TURMOIL."

3. CONGRESSMAN MCDONALD, IN ONE OF SEVERAL SPEECHES HE MADE DURING HIS VISIT, REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "NO MENTION CAN SET A POLICY OF LONG-TERM COMPROMISE AND SURVIVE....THE CLEAR MAJORITY OF THE US CONGRESS IS ON PUBLIC RECORD AS BEING IN FULL SUPPORT OF AMERICA'S HISTORIC AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF FREE CHINA AND THE GROC. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE US AGREE WITH YOU AND ARE AGAINST COMPROMISE WITH COMMUNISM."

4. IN ANOTHER SPEECH MCDONALD REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "THE PEOPLE OF THE US DO NOT FOLLOW THE LOGIC OF CERTAIN PLANNERS WHO SEE VALUE IN THE POLICY OF DETENTE, THE ROAD TO DESTRUCT-ION AND ENSLAVEMENT...THE DETENTE POLICY HAS COME TO THE MAINLAND....US TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM TAIWAN, AND THE GROUND WAS LAID FOR DIPLOMATIC RECOGINTION OF THE GREATEST MASS MURDERERS IN HUMAN HISTORY."

5. A DECLARATION ADOPTED AT THE JANUARY 23 RALLY INTER ALIA A) REITERATED OPPOSITION TO "THE MISTAKEN POLICY" OF DETENTE WITH THE COMMUNISTS; B) URGED THE US TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE ROC AND THE DESIRES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHINESE PEOPLE TO RECTIFY THE "CONTRADICTORY IDEA" IN THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE, WHICH "JEOPARDIZES" US FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE ROC: AND C) CALLED ON THE US TO TAKE STEPS TO BUILD AND ENHANCE AN ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLAND CHAIN OF DEFENSE.

6. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WORLD FREEDOM DAY ACTIVITIES, THE EMBASSY OFFERS ITS OWN CHOICE QUOTATION FROM THE WORLD OF ALICE: "IF EVERYBODY MINDED THEIR

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OWN BUSINESS," THE DUCHESS SAID IN A HOARSE GROWL, "THE WORLD
WOULD GO ROUND A DEAL FASTER THAN IT DOES." POPPLE

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